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Judges Mystified By Elusive Tactics Of Spy in Sweden

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STOCKHOLM, April 23—The

Swedish Government published today a censored mystery story written by a commission of three judges investigating espionage.

The commission said it was unable to explain how a high Swedish officer could have spied for the Soviet Union for 15 years before being caught. The officer, Stig Wennerstrom of the air force, has confessed and is on trial in strict secrecy.

The commission, appointed June 26, six days after the colonel was arrested, described him as a master spy who had worked alone. It said his "craftiness and personal capabilities, on the whole, his rank and general background" had made him especially suited for his work for the Russians.

The wonder is that he was caught at all, the commission said.

The Social Democratic Government of Premier Tage Erlander declared that the report in effect cleared it of the charges of negligence lodged by the Opposition.

Justice Minister Herman Kling commented in an interview that, on the basis of the evidence, a judge could come to no other conclusion.

However, Leif Cassel, deputy leader of the Conservative party, said the report clearly showed that two Government ministers were "extremely careless" in 1961.

He said that, despite long-standing suspicions of Wennerstrom, Defense Minister Sven Andersson and Foreign Minister Osten Unden had allowed the colonel to become a Foreign Ministry specialist on disarmament.

Mr. Cassel predicted that the Government would be in an embarrassing position when two pending parliamentary investigations were completed.

Premier Erlander retorted that he faced the coming parliamentary debate calmly. He alluded to emphasis in the report on the firmness of the evidence as late as a month before Wennerstrom's arrest.

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